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PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

Date of Assessment: 6-8 September 1951

Name of Subject:

PETRO PANOMARENKO

Age of Subject: 34

Nationality: Ukrainian

Education: 3 Years University

Observations and Evaluations. Subject was one of four sons of a farmer who was the owner-manager of a small country estate in West Ukraine. His family had a fairly high social position in their locale. When the Russians took over that part of Poland, his family did not suffer any particular persecution but were required only to turn a certain quota of their farm products. A student until 1939, the subject had to break off his studies and moved to the German-occupied part of Poland. He later returned to his home with the German advance and moved back west again with the German retreat, living in Vienna, and at the end of the war in Berlin where he worked as a representative of the Ukrainian Committee. Since the war he has had several jobs with UNRRA and IRO, working with Ukrainian displaced persons. The subject was married in 1934 but has no children. He left both his wife and parents behind when he came to Western Europe.

His health, he states, is just average. He complains of heart trouble. Whether real or imagined (heart condition not noted in medical findings), it definitely restricts his participation in physical activities. He states that he cannot do manual work, and in the physical problems he managed the easier obstacles but then complaining of his heart and claiming that his pulse was over 200, he requested to be relieved from performing the more difficult obstacles.

The subject has an above average intelligence but does not have an exceptional intellect, although he feels himself giving that impression. He is a relatively slow thinker, not too agile with abstracts, and somewhat limited in imagination and preoccupied with details, but when a problem is well stated and when he knows exactly what is to be done, he carries it out with precision and intelligence. At times he may be unwilling to admit that he does not understand a problem, in which case he is capable of going off on a tangential tangent but when his error is pointed out, he can easily adjust to the proper line of action. He is very intelligent in handling people. He is sensitive to others feelings, is genuinely liked by nearly everyone and has the rare skill of gaining the loyalty of all kinds of people. He is the sort who can fit into almost any group and he can smooth out disagreeable situations so that no one gets angry. He is a good

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judge of his fellows, especially those working under him, but he is capable of becoming blindly enthusiastic over a dynamic and forceful superior—to the point of uncritical acceptance of all orders. With time and freedom from immediate stress, he can be cautious and critical, but when the pressure is on, he is likely to move slowly and hesitantly. He is not reckless or impulsive, but his self-assurance is only average. He is a good executive but is not a born leader. On the other hand, his topic talk, both in content and presentation, was superior. His style was forceful and assured and demonstrated considerable experience in the use of change of pace, volume and gesture.

With reference to ^{his} security status, it is apparent that he is a strong Ukrainian nationalist, but his personality is such that under certain circumstances he could be manipulated against his anti-Communist values by threat or pressure. He has a definite fear of the Bolsheviks and has sufficient social dependence and respect for power to be personally threatened by fear of injury to persons who are important to him. It is the opinion of the interviewer that there might be a distinct possibility of ^{his} contacts of some nature with Communist activities. It is obvious that he is very preoccupied by the possible fate of his mother, father and wife whom he left behind when he came out of Poland in 1944. To a considerable extent he feels personally guilty about them, particularly in respect of the fate of his parents. It is suggested by the interviewer that his very consciousness of pressure (applied to relatives under Soviet control) as a motive for agent work for the Communists adds further weight to this judgment.

Summary and Recommendations. The subject is an excellent second in command, an executive officer. He lacks the originality and forcefulness of an inspiring leader but he is a good manager and precise administrator. In handling all kinds of people, he is extremely intelligent. He is the sort of person who is not only respected but was personally liked by nearly everyone. He can successfully work with a group and he can work for a good leader with real devotion. In fact his admiration and respect for a forceful superior could carry him to the point of liability: an uncritical enthusiasm with insufficient caution which could be used against him as well as to his advantage. Although he shows some limitation in the extent to which he is willing and able to exert himself physically, he was qualified for P/A in terms of intelligence, interest and personality. He would be particularly successful in an administrative capacity or as a personnel man, but less successful in an occupation requiring large-scale imagination and originality. Politically he is a strong Ukrainian nationalist and is anti-Communist, but he is the sort of person who could be manipulated by threats of injury to friends or family. The extent to which he may have already been subjected to such pressures could not be determined in the assessment process, but

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the potentiality is noted for consideration.

It is the opinion of one interviewer, who knows the subject personally, that _____ is not entirely satisfied with his present employment, which he considers somewhat routine. He might, therefore, be quite interested in something suggesting a higher status and more intellectual occupation.

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